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November 12th, 1917

President Tory,

University of Alberta,

Edmonton, Alta.

My dear President Tory:

On Friday night our Senate endorsed the report of the sub-committee recommending your scheme and I have been authorised to appoint an executive committee of the Senate to advise with us in regard to any standards of training for which we may be asked to give recognition in the University of Toronto. I can call this executive committee at any time and probably it would be well for you to meet us when you are passing through Toronto on your way to England. All I shall need will be a few days' notice.

I hope that everything is going well with you and that you have had some rest on your way home.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 11th, 1917

Dear President Tory:

Now that we have got our arrangements made to co-operate with you in the Overseas University Scheme I think that you ought to write to every University in the Dominion suggesting that they get their Senates to co-operate with you and appoint a committee with a chairman with whom you could communicate. It seems to me that after having the plan well arranged it will be almost necessary to lay it before each college and university, and you of course are the person to do this. This does not mean that they all have to have representatives on your Board of Directors or on your Advisory Academic Committee, but I believe that they must all deal with you directly, and they could easily follow the plan that we have followed here to having a university committee to whose chairman you could always submit any plans and propositions.

I hope that the West will do well next Monday. I judge that you are having your own hard time. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 4th, 1918

President H. W. Tory,

Passenger S.S. "Carmania" sailing from New York Monday, Jan.7th.

My dear Tory:

This morning Professor R. R. Fairclough of Leland Stanford University, California, was here and I happened to mention your work in the Overseas University. It interested him greatly, and he would be delighted to go across and take work in Latin. He is one of our best Latin scholars and is head of the Latin Department in Leland Stanford. You may remember that there was some talk of his going to British Columbia to take the Latin position there. I saw so little of him that I had not time to discuss the question of salary. Whether he would require to be paid I am unable to say, but would you mind letting me know what you think of his chances ? He has been making great efforts to do war work of one kind or another. The last offer that he has had was from the New York Y.M.C.A. who have offered him work in Italy, but he would very much prefer to work among our men in England or France.

I hope that you had a successful interview with the Government. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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94, Gower Street,
London, W.C.1.

February 22nd, 1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir Robert,

I regret exceedingly that your letter of January 4th has remained unanswered. It did not reach me in time to answer it before leaving the ship. As a matter of fact, there were no American stamps aboard and although we were waiting around for a couple of days we were not allowed to put letters off.

With regard to Professor Fairclough, it is just possible that we can have work for him at a little later date, but for the present there is not sufficient work in Latin to warrant us in bringing anyone over. I have not yet got far enough forward with our plans to know just what the ultimate demand will be, but will keep the matter before me until I can reach a conclusion.

I have been able to draft a constitution covering our work here and have submitted it for approval to the military authorities, but have not been able to get any action taken up to date. There has been a reconstruction of the Canadian Army going on and I imagine small matters like education will receive attention as soon as things get settled into the new groove. I am not sure whether Sir Edward Kemp himself is sympathetic. I had a nice letter from Sir Robert Borden in which he said some kind things about the project as proposed in the article of mine in the University magazine which he read. I believe approval was given to the project at Ottawa, but no Order in Council for formal authorization was passed. I believe, however, that a communication was sent to Sir George Perley with respect to it, but I have not been personally communicated with from Ottawa. Sir Edward said that a communication had been received through a colleague of his and I thought perhaps he did not like the way the matter was sent through. However,

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we are going ahead just as if the whole machine were a Government machine and as if we had all the money Canada could produce in a year behind it. London University College, Gower Street, has opened its doors to us for our London work and we have started the classes and have already registered about 400 of whom about 10% will be of the College grade, 40% agriculture, 50% business and the balance, general engineering. That is merely a rough classification. The registration will increase enormously here for the higher work just as soon as it is on a basis to make onlookers satisfied. The London University authorities have been very very cordial and are helping us in every possible way.

By-the-way, I was up to Cambridge on Saturday and met a syndicate of the University Senate and had with them a discussion with regard to the Ph. D. degree being given as a course degree in Cambridge. I am afraid their self-complacency was slightly disturbed by the breezy manner in which a wild Westerner presented the scheme for recognition of the work done in Canada, but I had the satisfaction of being informed by the Vice-Chancellor afterwards that the discussion which took place would mark a new era for such discussions in Cambridge and that I had said exactly the things that the Dons should hear and that he had no doubt things would come to pass. The lack of co-ordination and cohesion and almost of good-will between the Universities over here at once strikes one as so peculiar and makes me feel what real progress we have made to date in our Canadian Conference. I sincerely hope the time is not far distant when our schemes for co-ordination and recognition in Canada will be made complete so that men may pass as freely from Alberta to Toronto and from Toronto to Cambridge as from one faculty to another within the individual unit. When that stage is reached University education can be fairly said to be on the map in Canada and out of the narrow grooves which our provincial point of view has held it in.

Please excuse this sermon. I am up to my eyes in work and have just got settled in our new Headquarters and expect to emblazon the Khaki University of Canada on our front door in a day or two. I will write you again when I get time to go into some details.

Sincerely yours,

G. Story

April 25th, 1918

President H. M. Tory,

Khaki University of Canada,

94 Gower Street, London, W.C. England.

My dear Tory:

I owe you answers to several letters for which I must now thank you. Your last one without a date but giving such a full account of what has happened is most valuable to me, and will be of practical service when Mackinnon arrives. He is to be in Toronto I think before very long. I will observe what you say in talking the matter over with him and unquestionably your point of view will be of great value to us. I am sorry that there has been so much trouble. However, I hope now that it will work out. I expect to see Colonel Burns before very long and I will also get his point of view.

Of course the Universities must deal through you as their representative. All the arrangements were made on that understanding. We should not be in a position to know what acknowledgment to make in the way of work done by any institution or opt one that the standards of which can be estimated through your advice.

I suppose that until the heavy fighting is over this summer very little can be done. I should judge therefore that you would not need me to go over until well on in the summer. It would suit me better to go over for August and September than to leave earlier than that, as there are odds and ends that have to be arranged for the forthcoming

session up till the middle of July, and if I get home by the last week in September I think there would be no trouble.

As you may realise I am not anxious to go over as I have had a very busy time, but if you think I can be of service and I ought to go I will hold myself ready. I should like to go at my own expense, but as I told you before it is out of the question at present.

I believe that it is a very good idea to have a certain number of lecturers from this side speaking to our men , and not only to ours but to the English and American in order that they may get some idea of the opportunities of the new world.

I will write you later after I have seen Mackinnon. With kind regards to Mrs. Tory and yourself,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.